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Applicant: Langer *et al.* Examiner: Nguyen, D.
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For: ENDOSOMOLYTIC AGENTS AND CELL DELIVERY SYSTEMS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2002 (Paper No. 11), Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. The deadline for responding to the Office Action was August 22, 2002. A three-month extension of time from August 22, 2002, up to and including November 22, 2002, is hereby respectfully requested, and a check for such an extension is enclosed. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Friday, November 22, 2002.

Amendment

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. For the convenience of the Examiner, all of the claims, in the form they will take after entrance of the present Amendment, are attached as Appendix A.

1. (Twice Amended) An endosomal lysing [agent] polymer comprising [a compound] an endosomolytic agent and [having] one or more hydrolyzable functional moieties selected from the group consisting of ortho-esters, hydrazones, and cis-actonyls, [and] wherein said [compound] polymer is capable of effecting the lysis of an endosome in response to a change in pH.